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CROP PROSPECTS.

CROP PRODUCTION IN SPAIN.

Corn production in Spain for 1923 is estimated to be 24,014,000 bushels as compared with the final official estimate of 26,832,000 bushels in 1922 and 26,548,000 the average production for the period 1909-13, as reported in a cablegram to the United States Department of Agriculture, October 8, from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome.

Rice production is estimated at 327,968,000 pounds against 373,339,000 the production in 1922 and 258,492,000 the 1909-13 average.

The potato crop for this year is reported to be 95,496,000 bushels as compared with 108,598,000 bushels harvested in 1922 and 93,413,000 bushels the average production for 1909-13.

The decreased production of corn, rice, and potatoes in 1923 as compared with 1922 may indicate a greater demand for wheat for which the production has been previously estimated at 142,070,000 bushels compared with 125,469,000 in 1922 and 130,446,000 bushels, the average during 1909-13.

Sugar beet production in 1923 is placed at 1,345,000 short tons against 1,624,000 short tons in 1922 and 1,100,000 short tons the average for 1909-13.

AUSTRALIAN WHEAT ACREAGE 1924.

The acreage sown to wheat in Australia for the 1923-24 crop is estimated to be 10,000,000 acres as compared with 9,804,000 acres in 1922-23 and 7,603,000 acres the average during the years 1909-13, according to a cablegram received by the United States Department of Agriculture, October 9, from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome.

SMALL GRAIN EXPORTS EXPECTED FROM RUSSIA.

Although acreage in grain this year in Russia is estimated to be 20 per cent larger than in 1922, yields are sufficiently lower, so that forecasts of production are at best only slightly above production last year, according to reports to the United States Department of Agriculture.

One authority reports that the total Russia area in grain crops this year, including corn, barley, oats, wheat and rye is 160,000,000 acres as compared with 132,000,000 acres last year. Average yield is estimated by the Central Bureau of Statistics at Moscow at 1,524 pounds per acre, as compared with 1,834 pounds in 1922. The area in grain is estimated at about 80 per cent of the prewar area. Ukraine is the most important producing region, and includes 35 per cent of the total Russia acreage sown to spring grain and 40 per cent of the total acreage sown to winter grain.

It is thought that approximately 543,000 short tons of grain of all kinds, including oats, corn, barley, wheat and rye may be exported from South Russian ports, contingent upon the making of needed repairs at the ports. The All-Ukraine Congress estimates the export capacity of the ports of Odessa at 108,300 short tons; Nikolayev, 108,300 short tons; Theodosia 81,250 short tons, and Sebastopol 36,100 short tons.

It is reported that German importers have contracted for the delivery of 13,000,000 bushels of Russian rye, and are to make payment in manufactured goods sent to Russia. Small quantities of wheat, barley and corn have been exported from the Black Sea ports. Last year Russia exported grain in only small quantities, and present indications are that very little, if any more, may be exported this year,

POTATOES

The potato crop is one of the world's greatest food crops. The estimate of over five billion bushels produced in all countries reported, exclusive of Russia, in 1922 is probably considerably less than the total world production, as many small "patches" of potatoes grown in gardens for home use are not included in the estimate of the potato crop. In countries reported to date for 1923 the potato crop is 79 percentage of last year.

The region of greatest potato production is in northwestern Europe where the soil and climatic conditions favor the production of potatoes and ^{rather} rye than corn and wheat. In this region potatoes play a very important part in the diet of the people and in the manufacture of alcohol and in the feed for livestock. Hence variations in potato production in this territory affect the market for our wheat, rye and corn.

POTATOES, -CONT'D.

Germany is the world's greatest producer of potatoes, the production in 1923 being estimated at 1,200,000,000 bushels as compared with 1,494,131,000 bushels in 1922 and 1,631,959,000 bushels in 1909-13.

Poland ranks second among the countries of the world with an estimated production in 1923 of 396,022,000 bushels against 1,220,576,000 bushels in the year preceding.

The production of 15 countries of the northern hemisphere reporting for 1923 is 3,039,036,000 bushels as compared with 3,900,730,000 bushels the production of the same countries in 1922 and 3,131,035,000 the average for 1909-13.

During the pre-war period imports of potatoes into the United States amounted to 3,658,000 bushels, or just a little more than twice the quantity exported. Since 1920, however, there has been a decided decline in the imports until in 1922, the quantity shipped from foreign countries amounted to only 1,775,000 bushels. This was less than half the average quantity imported during 1910-1914 and more than 1,000,000 bushels less than the exports for last year.

Cuba is the principal market for American potatoes, taking over 60 per cent of our exports.

The Netherlands ranks first as an exporter of potatoes, supplying at least 25 per cent of the world's total exports. In 1922, Italy exported approximately 5,000,000 bushels, Canada 4,000,000 bushels, and Denmark 2,000,000 bushels.

TRADE, PRODUCTION AND PRICE NOTES.

The Bulgarian tobacco harvest for 1923 is expected to surpass that of any previous year, as reported in the Chamber of Commerce Journal, London, England, September 14, 1923. The quality of the tobacco, however, is not as good as last year. The large quantity and inferior quality seem to indicate lower prices than were received for the last crop. The large production is due to a larger acreage than previously sown and favorable weather conditions.

The Valencia onions were coming on the market according to a report of Consul Robert Harnden of Valencia, Spain, August 7. No definite figures were at this time available but the various estimates of production were between 50 and 60 per cent of last year or nearly 3,520,000 bushels.

TRADE, PRODUCTION AND PRICE NOTES, -CONT'D.

Conditions in the German vegetable oil crushing industry are very unfavorable, reports Consul George D. Hopper, from Hamburg, Germany. Millers have plenty of seeds on hand but are having difficulty in disposing of the finished product, since margarine manufacturers and allied industries are taking only small quantities of oils, due to the depreciation of the mark and the diminished purchasing power of consumers. Foreign competition, furthermore, has been severe. In order to alleviate conditions the German Government has placed a temporary embargo on the importation of vegetable oils and fats with the exception of castor oil. It is stated that the embargo has already resulted in a reduction of world market prices for vegetable oils.

Revised regulations for the export of potatoes to the Argentine Republic which will allow the importation of selected potatoes grown in England and Wales, according to the Agricultural Market Report prepared by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, September 17, 1925. Each consignment must be accompanied by two certificates, one certifying that the land on which the potatoes were grown is satisfactory, and the other certifying that the potatoes have been inspected and found free from injurious diseases. The Ministry has arranged to make the necessary inspections.

Great Britain's total potato requirements are about 149,333,000 bushels, according to the Agricultural Market Report published by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, September 14, 1925. The total production last year was about 194,133,000 bushels. The total imports from foreign countries into Great Britain and Ireland in 1922 were 6,403,000 bushels or only 3-1/2 per cent of the total production of Great Britain alone. Of these 3,659,000 bushels were early potatoes from France and the Channel Isles which are not generally considered as competitors with the home-grown crop. Only 1,337,000 bushels came from Holland, and practically none of these came after August, so that it can not be seriously contended that imports from Holland kept prices at the very low level at which they remained throughout the season.

A quarantine on potato exports has just been announced by the Bureau of Contagious Plant Diseases of the Danish Department of Agriculture as reported by Consul General, Marion Letcher, Copenhagen, Denmark, September 10, 1925. This is due to the finding of wart or canker disease in one garden. Accordingly, no potatoes can be exported to countries which require a certificate from the country of origin stating that the potatoes are free from this disease.

PRODUCTION OF WHEAT, RYE, BARLEY AND OATS ALL COUNTRIES REPORTING
1922 AND 1923.

	Production.		Per Cent of 1922.	
	1922.	1923.	Decrease.	Increase.
	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels	Per Cent	Per Cent
<u>WHEAT</u>				
Estimates previously received and unrevised, 30 countries reporting	1,893,896	2,233,862		18.0
Estimates recently received:				
United States	862,091	781,737	9.3	
Total 31 countries reporting	2,755,987	3,015,599		9.4
<u>RYE</u>				
Estimates previously received and unrevised, 22 countries reporting	802,589	925,106		15.3
Estimates recently received:				
None	---	---	---	---
<u>BARLEY</u>				
Estimates previously received and unrevised, 20 countries reporting	746,000	878,689		17.8
Estimates recently received:				
United States	186,118	199,251		7.1
Total 21 countries reporting	932,118	1,077,940		15.6
<u>OATS</u>				
Estimates previously received and unrevised, 25 countries reporting	1,866,636	2,170,333		16.3
Estimates recently received:				
United States	1,201,436	1,302,453		8.4
Total 26 countries reporting	3,068,072	3,472,786		13.2

EXPORTS OF GRAINS AND WHEAT FLOUR FROM THE UNITED STATES, WHEAT AND WHEAT FLOUR FROM CANADA, AND SHIPMENTS OF CANADIAN WHEAT AND WHEAT FLOUR THROUGH THE UNITED STATES IN TRANSIT, JULY TO SEPTEMBER, 1922 AND 1923 AND SEPTEMBER 15 TO OCTOBER 6, 1923.

Commodity:	Unit:	July to September :		1923		
		1922 :	1923 :	Week ending: Sept. 22, :	Week ending: Sept. 29, :	Week ending: October 6, :
		Preliminary:		Preliminary:	Preliminary:	Preliminary:
Exports:		1,000 :	1,000 :	1,000 :	1,000 :	1,000 :
Barley	Bu.	8,275:	5,025 :	350 :	524 :	20
Corn	"	36,022:	2,780 :	158 :	190 :	162
Oats	"	10,323:	357 :	47 :	49 :	38
Rye	"	18,528:	7,602 :	1,214 :	45 :	154
Wheat	"	74,669:	27,571 :	2,833 :	2,727 :	2,640
Wheat flour .	Bbls:	3,391:	3,508 :	215 :	292 :	394
In transit shipments from Canada:						
Wheat	Bu.	9,975:	13,126 :	42 :	12 :	128
Wheat flour .	Bbls:	440:	560 :	2 :	3 :	2
Exports from Canada:		July and August				
Wheat	Bu.	30,307:	24,034 :			
Wheat flour .	Bbls:	1,775:	1,432 :			

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce and Monthly Reports of the Trade of Canada.

POTATO ACREAGE IN UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES, 1909-13, 1921, 1922 AND 1923.
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE

Country.	Acreage.			
	Average 1909-13.	1921.	1922.	1923.
<u>NORTH AMERICA</u>	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres
Canada	433	702	684	656
United States	3,677	3,941	4,331	3,892
Mexico			623	
Guatemala	a	4	b	3
Total North American Countries Reporting for 1923	4,160	4,643	5,015	4,548
<u>EUROPE</u>				
United Kingdom:				
England and Wales	434	558	561	b 467
Scotland	145	154	157	
Ireland	590	568	570	
Norway	102	130	126	b 126
Sweden	379	363	400	b 400
Denmark	c 145	208	204	
Netherlands	414	441	477	b 397
Belgium	390	419	446	b 374
Luxemburg	36	a 35	b 37	b 36
France	c 3,841	3,595	3,566	3,560
Spain	687	a 739	b 783	
Portugal		a 45	b 68	
Malta	4	a 4		
Italy	c 658	ac 763	861	b 890
Switzerland	186	113	112	110
Germany	c 8,260	6,541	6,725	d 6,735
Austria	c 3,105	327	b 403	
Czechoslovakia		1,574	1,606	b 1,574
Hungary	c 1,521	a 665	b 635	b 637
Yugoslavia		a 516	b 542	
Serbia, Croatia-Slavonia and Bosnia-Herzegovina	c 292			
Bulgaria	c 8	a 20	b 20	b 24
Rumania	c e 86	493	503	
Poland	c 2,628	4,796	5,409	b 5,632
Lithuania		a 326	b 326	b 328
Latvia			d 177	
Esthonia			b 187	187

POTATO ACREAGE IN UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES,
1909-13, 1921, 1922 AND 1923, -CONT'D.
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE, -CONT'D.

Country.	Acreage.			
	Average 1909-13.	1921	1922.	1923.
<u>EUROPE, -CONT'D</u>	1,000 Acres:	1,000 Acres:	1,000 Acres:	1,000 Acres
Finland	184 : <u>a</u>	168	<u>b</u> 185	<u>b</u> 168
Russia, including Ukraine and Northern Caucasias	<u>c</u> 8,499			
Total European Countries Reporting for 1909-13, 1921 and 1922.	24,091	23,236	24,328	
Total European Countries Reporting for 1923	19,041	20,507	21,679	21,645
<u>AFRICA</u>				
Algeria	45 : <u>a</u>	46	<u>b</u> 42	<u>b</u> 46
Tunis		2	<u>b</u> 3	
<u>ASIA</u>				
Russia, Asiatic	399			
Japanese Empire:				
Japan	174	256		
Chosen	<u>f</u> 65 : <u>a</u>	187		
Total Northern Hemisphere Countries Reporting for 1909-13, 1921, and 1922 ..	23,296	27,925	29,385	
Total Northern Hemisphere Countries Reporting for 1923	23,246	25,196	26,736	26,239

POTATO ACREAGE IN UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES, 1909-13, 1921, 1922 AND 1923,-
CONT'D.

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

Country.	Acreage.			
	Average			
	1908-09 to 1912-13.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.
Chile	66	<u>a</u>	73 <u>b</u>	83
Uruguay			9	
Argentina	235	<u>a</u>	336	
Union of South Africa <u>g</u>	62			
Southern Rhodesia		<u>a</u> <u>h</u>	3 <u>b</u> <u>h</u>	3
Australia	137		140	
New Zealand	28		19	20
Total Southern Hemis- phere Countries Re- porting for 1909-13, 1921 and 1922	94		92	103
Total all Countries Re- porting for 1909-13, 1921 and 1922	28,390		28,017	29,488
Total all Countries Re- porting for 1923	23,246		25,196	26,736
				26,239

a. International Institute of Agriculture Yearbook 1922.

b. International Institute Bulletin August 1923.

c. Old boundaries.

d. United States Agricultural Representative, in Berlin, Cablegram, Sept. 17, 1927

e. Includes 58,000 acres grown with corn.

f. Two year average.

g. 1911 census.

h. Cultivations by Europeans only.

Source: Official sources unless otherwise stated.

POTATO PRODUCTION IN UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES, 1909-13, 1921, 1922 AND
1923.

NORTHERN HEMISPHERE.

Country.	Production.			
	1909-13.	1921.	1922.	1923.
	1,000 bushels:	1,000 bushels:	1,000 bushels:	1,000 bushels:
<u>NORTH AMERICA.</u>				
Canada	77,873	107,347	92,908	93,752
United States	357,599	361,659	451,000	390,000
Mexico	924		927	
Guatemala		73 :a	125	
Total North American Countries Reporting for 1923	435,572	469,006	543,908	483,752
<u>EUROPE.</u>				
United Kingdom:				
England and Wales ...	99,890	110,432	149,781	
Scotland	34,674	38,827	44,464	
Ireland	119,874	95,424	128,091	
Norway	24,821	25,995	32,699 :a	27,952
Sweden	60,327	64,543	74,788 :a	68,667
Denmark	30,864 :b	50,173	49,249	
Netherlands	110,153	107,346	162,328 :a	81,948
Belgium	107,021	71,534	144,453 :a	99,960
Luxemburg	6,439 :c	2,644 :a	7,007	
France	439,377 :b	305,324 :a	464,667	
Spain	93,413 :c	102,224 :a	108,598 :d	95,496
Portugal		6,058 :a	6,512	
Malta	672 :c	589		
Italy	60,813 :b	66,237	53,689	
Switzerland	40,537	25,371	24,820	25,195
Germany	1,685,959 :b	960,889	1,494,181 :e	1,200,000
Austria	456,485 :b	30,607 :a	51,378	
Czechoslovakia		159,068	333,236	
Hungary	180,103 :b	45,898 :a	43,491 :d	65,440
Yugoslavia		26,184 :a	31,100	
Serbia, Croatia-Slavonia and Bosnia-Herzegovina..	27,814 :b			
Bulgaria	454 :c	1,040 :a	1,360 :a	1,220
Rumania	4,778 :b f	50,987	41,011	
Poland	373,917 :b	617,272	1,220,576 :a	896,022
Lithuania		50,926 :a	67,903	

POTATO PRODUCTION IN UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES, 1909-13, 1921 1922 AND
1923.
NORTHERN HEMISPHERE (CONT'D)

Country.	Production.			
	1909-13.	1921.	1922.	1923.
	1,000 Bushels:	1,000 Bushels:	1,000 Bushels:	1,000 Bushels
<u>EUROPE.-CONT'D.</u>				
Latvia		<u>a</u>	24,306	
Estonia		<u>a</u>	26,373	<u>a</u> 23,567
Finland	20,975	<u>c</u> 22,891	<u>a</u> 16,009	<u>a</u> 17,612
Russia, including Ukraine and Northern Caucasias	<u>b</u> 878,461			
Total European Coun- tries reporting for 1909-13, 1921 and 1922	4,024,588	2,980,910	4,681,976	
Total European Coun- tries reporting for 1923	2,693,600	2,045,003	3,354,676	2,603,079
<u>AFRICA.</u>				
Algeria	1,783	<u>c</u> 653	<u>a</u> 2,146	<u>a</u> 2,205
Tunis		<u>a</u> 147	<u>a</u> 165	
<u>ASIA.</u>				
Russia, Asiatic	33,151			
Japanese Empire:				
Japan	24,738	39,506		
Chosen	<u>g</u> 6,960	<u>c</u> 18,371		
Total Northern Hemis- phere Countries Re- porting for 1909-13, 1921 and 1922	4,462,043	3,450,569	5,228,030	
Total Northern Hemis- phere Countries Re- porting for 1923	3,131,035	2,514,662	3,900,730	3,039,036

POTATO PRODUCTION IN UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES, 1909-13, 1921, 1922 AND
1923,--CONT'D.
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

Country.	Production.			
	Average			
	1908-09 to 1912-13.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.
	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels
Chile	8,023 : <u>c</u>	11,187 :		
Uruguay	: <u>c</u>	197 :		
Argentina	40,216 :			
Union of South Africa	<u>h</u> 3,071 :			
Southern Rhodesia	: <u>c i</u>	92 : <u>a i</u>	142 :	
Australia	14,077 :	13,927 :		
New Zealand	6,047 :	4,185 :	4,276 :	
Total Southern Hemis- phere Countries Re- porting for 1909-13, 1921 and 1922	6,047 :	4,185 :	4,276 :	
Total all Countries Re- porting for 1909-13, 1921 and 1922	4,468,090 :	3,454,754 :	5,232,306 :	
Total all Countries Re- porting for 1923	3,131,035 :	2,514,662 :	3,900,730 :	3,089,036

a. International Institute of Agriculture Bulletin August 1923.

b. Old boundaries.

c. International Institute of Agriculture Yearbook 1922.

d. International Institute of Agriculture, Cablegram, Oct. 8, 1923.

e. German crop report Sept. 19, 1923.

f. Includes 1,144,000 bushels grown with corn.

g. Two year average.

h. 1911 census.

i. Cultivations by Europeans only.

Source: Official sources unless otherwise stated.

POTATOES: INTERNATIONAL TRADE, CALENDAR YEARS 1911-1922.

Country.	Average 1911 - 1913:		1921		1922	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
PRINCIPAL EXPORTING COUNTRIES:	<u>Bushels</u>	<u>Bushels</u>	<u>Bushels</u>	<u>Bushels</u>	<u>Bushels</u>	<u>Bushels</u>
Belgium	4,921:	8,692:	10,946:	677:	6,641:	2,975
Canada	525:	1,207:	466:	3,258:	347:	3,609
China	36:	283:	---	272:	---	463
Denmark	40:	928:	55:	2,322:	123:	2,244
France	7,143:	8,683:	5,639:	8,570:	13,544:	5,167
Italy	242:	3,975:	706:	4,260:	3:	4,526
Japan	---	440:	---	240:	---	(1) 235
Netherlands	1,952:	16,451:	350:	18,321:	735:	11,538
Portugal	273:	500:	---	---	---	---
Russia	309:	7,762:	(1) 469:	(1) 56:	---	---
Spain	---	1,835:	---	899:	506:	1,346
PRINCIPAL IMPORTING COUNTRIES:						
Algeria	1,218:	931:	991:	720:	1,200:	614
Argentina	1,337:	543:	---	---	---	---
Austria-Hungary...	4,070:	1,451:	(1-2) 4,148:	(1-2) 24:	(1-2) 3,666:	(1-2) 2
Brazil	939:	(3):	80:	18:	---	---
Cuba	2,001:	2:	---	---	---	---
Czechoslovakia....	:	:	(1) 283:	(1) 65:	319:	2,834
Egypt	599:	(4) 28:	624:	13:	(1) 594:	219
Finland	479:	15:	139:	16:	527:	(1) 1
Germany	29,180:	12,412:	(5) 4,203:	(5) 2,148:	6,158:	2,468
Hungary	:	:	(1) 12:	(1) 767:	(1) 403:	(1) 1
Norway	215:	60:	499:	21:	398:	77
Philippine Islands	334:	---	352:	---	:	:
Sweden	700:	64:	657:	3:	78:	(1) 750
Switzerland	3,172:	42:	1,032:	51:	2,260:	19
United Kingdom ...	11,382:	6,246:	5,678:	2,325:	6,405:	(1) 5,433
United States	5,707:	1,814:	2,018:	3,500:	1,775:	2,897
Other countries...	1,993:	782:	3,492:	1,819:	4,393:	2,324
Total	78,767:	75,151:	42,839:	50,865:	50,075:	49,747

(1) International Yearbook of Agricultural Statistics, 1922. (2) Austria only.

(3) Less than 500. (4) One year average. (5) Eight months, May to December

Source: Original official sources except where otherwise noted.

POTATOES (EXCEPT SWEET): EXPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES, BY COUNTRIES,
FISCAL YEARS, AVERAGE 1910-14, AND CALENDAR YEARS
1921, 1922 and JAN. TO AUG., 1923.

Countries:	Average : 1910 - 1914	: 1921	: 1922	: Jan.-Aug. : 1923
	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
Bermuda.....	18,046	25,679	22,471	11,410
Canada.....	313,877	453,614	424,585	381,929
Guatemala.....	12,163	9,314	11,068	3,107
Honduras.....	5,015	15,076	21,349	15,083
Panama.....	145,893	154,704	137,185	102,794
Mexico.....	98,882	294,811	168,664	92,373
Newfoundland & Labrador..	3,790	126	3,885	859
British West Indies.....	27,766	39,047	36,203	22,306
Cuba.....	973,540	2,391,576	1,851,895	1,224,482
Dominican Republic.....	9,287	38,660	38,072	21,320
Other West Indies.....	8,749	23,629	27,648	13,500
Argentina.....	1,272	12	1,250	1,000
Brazil.....	189	1,034	630	132
Colombia.....	11,508	4,645	17,758	14,660
British Guiana.....	9,842	17,681	29,334	16,467
Uruguay.....	---	---	---	---
Venezuela.....	8,745	13,140	24,457	13,580
Other countries.....	40,030	17,090	80,111	37,079
Total	1,688,594	3,499,838	2,896,565	1,972,081

POTATOES (INCLUDING SWEET): IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED STATES, BY COUNTRIES,
FISCAL YEARS, AVERAGE 1910-14, AND CALENDAR YEARS,
1921, 1922 AND JAN. TO AUG., 1923.

Countries:	Average : 1910-1914	(1) : 1921	: 1922	: Jan.-Aug. : 1923
	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
Belgium.....	301,329	---	---	---
Denmark.....	77,985	188,519	1,984	---
France.....	53,543	---	7	1
Germany.....	28,123	---	---	550
Netherlands.....	193,951	---	367	2,970
United Kingdom.....	2,529,288	---	---	12
Bermuda.....	125,040	143,759	109,287	84,408
Canada.....	281,812	1,677,695	1,655,780	293,762
Mexico.....	31,965	931	217	5
Canary Islands.....	20,540	4,328	2,647	3,037
Australia.....	22	---	22	---
Other countries.....	14,424	2,330	4,453	5,757
Total	3,658,022	2,017,562	1,774,764	390,502

(1) Excludes sweet potatoes.

AUTUMN AND WINTER LAMBING IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.

As generally anticipated the autumn and winter lambing in New South Wales is turning out poorly. According to the official figures, the probable marking of lambs will be 44 per cent of the number of ewes mated. The spring and summer lambing promises much better - a 63 percentage is anticipated.

Estimates of autumn and winter, and of spring and summer lambings for the past five years are shown below:

Autumn and Winter Lambing.					
Year.	Number of ewes at end of previous year.	Estimated number of ewes mated.	Number of probable markings.	Per Cent of ewes mated.	Estimated number of ewes reserved for spring and summer lambing.
1919 ..	19,955,000	11,473,000	5,194,000	45	4,123,000
1920 ..	17,347,000	7,934,000	2,144,000	27	3,712,000
1921 ..	17,027,000	10,766,000	7,017,000	65	4,329,000
1922 ..	18,070,000	11,537,000	7,453,000	65	4,214,000
1923 ..	18,334,000	10,922,000	4,827,000	44	3,554,000

Source: The Sydney Stock and Station Journal, August 7, 1923, page 7.

CONSUMPTION OF HORSE MEAT IN FRANCE.

The consumption of horse meat in France requires the annual slaughtering of about 120,000 horses. Of this number 100,000 are of French origin and about 20,000 are imported from Great Britain.

Taking the average yield of meat per horse as about 606,265 pounds the approximate annual supply amounts to 72,752,000 pounds or 36,376 short tons.

Of this total quantity about five tons per day are used in making sausage, the remainder being consumed as fresh meat.

The present wholesale price for horses on the hoof is about 4 cents per pound, the retail price varying according to quality from 37 cents per pound for the best cuts from the fillet, downwards.

N. B. - Conversions from francs to dollars made at current rate of exchange \$1 = 17 francs.

Source: American Consul General, Paris, France, Date of mailing September 14, 1923.

AUSTRALIAN BEEF SUBSIDY BILL.

The Beef Subsidy Bill passed through the Senate on the night of August 1. The bill provides for payment of a bounty of 10s- per head on live cattle exported on and from January 1 to December 31, 1923, $\frac{1}{4}$ d per pound on beef slaughtered on or after February 19, 1923 which is placed in cold storage on or before October 31, 1923, $\frac{1}{4}$ d per pound on canned beef calculated upon the weight of the fresh beef from which the canned beef is produced and exported on or before December 31, 1923 provided it is slaughtered on or after March 1, 1923 and canned on or before October 31, 1923.

Source: The Sydney Stock and Station Journal - August 10, 1923, page 10.

SHEEP LOSSES IN SOUTH ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND.

Sheep station owners in Central Otago district, South Island, report heavy losses of sheep due to the snow and cold weather. While it is impossible to muster the sheep as yet, it is estimated that some several hundred thousand sheep in this territory have been snowed under for several weeks. The loss, roughly estimated, is from 30 to 40 per cent. The Southland District, which is the most southern district of New Zealand has also suffered from severe winter. The North Island has not experienced such extremes and the sheep industry as a result has shown gratifying results.

Source: American Vice-Consul, Wellington, New Zealand, August 28, 1923.

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